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BOUND OVER FOR ASSAULT

Three Cornered Matoy Results In Arrested With Assault to Them Released.

As a result of a fight pulled near Matoy last Saturday afternoon, Wesley Scalf and George Stringer a couple of young men of that community are both under bond to appear before the district court for trial on charges of assault to kill.

N. Fanning was the third young man charged with assault but he was released by Justice Apple at the preliminary hearing held Wednesday afternoon here.

The story as told the News is that trouble had been brewing between the boys for some time, and broke out at a ball game, but by-standers interfered. After the game, it is said, Wesley Scalf pulled a gun on the other two boys and made some remarks to them when Stringer jumped onto him and after taking the gun away from him gave him a good whipping and young Scalf was unconscious when other people arrived on the scene. It seems that Fanning and Stringer made charges against young Scalf and that he in turn made charges against both of them. The hearing of Fanning and Stringer was held Wednesday afternoon before Justice Apple, the former being released and the latter being released on \$300 bond. Scalf waived examining trial and was bound over in the sum of \$500.

MRS. BILBO A CANDIDATE.

Bryan county has another candidate seeking state office. According to the report from the election board Mrs. Ella Bilbo has filed as a candidate for the office of Commissioner of Charities and Corrections.

DU-ARD COMPANY STRIKES AGAIN.

Company of Durant Men Bring In Their Third Well In Healdton Oil Field. Prospects cry Good. . . .

Up until Saturday night late, Du-Ard Oil company Well No. 3, which was being drilled, had been looked on as promising to be only a very "chit well," as the showings were not because of the hole full of water and mud used in drilling, but on the well was completed Saturday and the mud and water pressure was relieved, the hole filled with oil and gas rapidly, and it is now in the gusher class. Messages received from the field state that the well is still gushing or better than the other two wells that have been completed by this company.

At a meeting of some of the principal stockholders in Durant which was attended by T. J. Perkins, Frank Lewis, Forrest H. Johnson, O. E. Nicholson, H. D. Neely and J. W. Hall and Lewis T. Martin of Bennington, at which meeting Chas. R. Allen was also represented, it was thought advisable to not drill more wells for 30 or 60 days, except such wells as will be necessary to protect the property from offset wells which are being drilled close to the property line.

An encouraging report was given to the effect that one-third more oil is being sold by the entire Healdton field than was salable two weeks ago, and this amount will be increased in about two weeks; also, the knowing ones predict that the price of oil will advance 20c per barrel very shortly, on account of the scarcity of gasoline, kerosene and fuel oil, which will make the Healdton oil bring 70c per barrel.

Sam Hynds returned Sunday night from New Orleans where he has been for the past two months looking after the interest of his cotton firm. He has now returned home for the season.

CITY SUED FOR \$10,000

Deroy Kiehlley Alleges Permanent Injuries While Working On Sewer Extension Gang Last February. Bonding Company Parties to Suit.

A suit has been filed in the district court this week wherein Deroy Kiehlley is plaintiff and the City of Durant, the Stokes Construction Company, and the Fidelity and Deposit Company of Maryland are defendants, in which plaintiff asks damages in the sum of \$10,283.00.

The plaintiff alleges that he was in the employ of the Stokes Construction Company, which concern had the contract for extending the city water and sewer system, having gone to work for the company in the fall of 1913 during the month of November. He alleges that on the twenty third of February, this year, after the Stokes Company had thrown up the contract, when it was being carried out by the bonding company, that he was ordered by the foreman to operate the "go devil" a machine used to fill up the ditches and operated by horse power. He alleges that when he had started to work, one of the chains on one side of the machine, snapped in two when the horses were pulling on it, which caused the handle to which the chain had been attached to fly backward with great force striking the plaintiff on the leg below the knee and dragging him some distance, severely wrenching the leg, hips and back, and rendering injuries from which he will never recover. Plaintiff says that he has already lost time at labor to the amount of \$208 and that his doctor bills have run up to \$75.00 and he asks judgement for these sums together with \$10,000 for suffering. C. Phillips is attorney for the plaintiff.

COFFEY BEND PICNIC.

Citizens of southeastern Bryan county were bombarded by a storm of oratory Saturday from the various county candidates and are now in possession of facts that will determine their choice at the coming primary election in August. The bombardment occurred at Coffey Bend, and was the occasion of an Odd Fellows picnic.

Nearly all the candidates were present.

An excellent basket picnic dinner was served on the ground and there was plenty of good things to eat for all who attended.

A. N. Leecraft, of Colbert, introduced the speakers to the people, and he did this in an excellent and graceful manner, only as he is capable of so doing.

The candidates enjoyed themselves very much, as this was the first opportunity they have had to meet around the oratory table, and make known to the people their views upon "saving the country."

Another opportunity will be given the candidates on Friday and Saturday at Albany, when a fish fry will be given.

GOOD TIMES FOR EASTERN OKLAHOMA.

The Indian appropriation bill contains three items that have led the people of Eastern Oklahoma into speculative contemplation of the good times that are coming for this section when the three items shall become effective and be carried into operation. The items are \$3,000,000 to equalize the allotments of 14,000 original agreement Creek Indians; \$3,000,000 for a payment of \$100 per capita to the Chickashaws and Choctaws, \$600,000 as a per capita payment to the Cherokees.

After the appropriation shall become available it will require the Union agency at Muskogee at least two months to get the rolls and vouchers ready for the distribution of this big bunch of money.

CAUGHT SMALLWOOD.

Deputy Sheriff Ruel Taylor has returned from Fort Smith, Ark., where he went after Geo. Smallwood, who is wanted in this county upon a charge of statutory rape. Smallwood recently made his escape from the Kenefick jail, the escape being made the day his examining trial was to have been held. He was picked up by officers in Fort Smith and "vagged" and when he was searched an unsigned bond was found in his pocket and the officers here were asked if he was wanted.

ABOUT TAX PENALTY.

In an opinion by Chief Justice Kane of the Supreme Court, delivered Tuesday it is held that failure on the part of the County Treasurer to give notice to a taxpayer of his taxes, will vitiate the penalty for delinquent taxes. It is upon the performance of this duty and this that the penalty prescribed for delinquency shall attach.

CITY PLANT CLOSED DOWN

City Contracts With Durant Ice & Light Company to Furnish Juice for Street Lights and Pumping Station.

The Durant municipal light plant will be closed down for a period of six years, the Durant Ice and Light company having been given a contract to furnish the city all the electric current that is used during the next six years. The deal with the city was closed Saturday afternoon at an adjourned session of the city council, and the contract has been signed.

Under the contract the Durant Ice and Light company agrees to furnish the city with all the power that is used at two cents per kilowatt. According to the report of the citizens committee who investigated the matter this will be a saving to the city of several thousand dollars per year, as it was stated that after a careful investigation it was found that the power at the present time, as furnished by the municipal plant, was costing the city somewhere between three and four cents per kilowatt. Mayor Foote states he has made a careful investigation and found that the city could not make the power as cheap as the contract with the old company called for, and that he feels that the contract made was one of the best pieces of business that the city council has consummated since his inauguration as mayor. It is stated by those who have investigated that the power that will be needed by the city will not cost as much as the coal that the city would have to buy to operate the city plant, and he members of the council who voted for the contract feel that they made a good deal in behalf of the city.

CITY POPULATION 7,640.

According to the new city directory, which has just been issued by Polk & Co., Durant has shown a wonderful growth during the past four years. The increase in population, according to the figures of the directory, is forty-three and one-third per cent. According to the government census, taken in 1910, Durant had a population of 5,339, and the report of the directory gives us a population of 7,640. Some claim that this does not give an accurate report of the population, as many would, of course, have been overlooked. But taking the report as given out, it shows that Durant has made wonderful strides within the past four years, showing a gain of 2,316 people within four years. And today Durant is growing faster than ever, and there is a greater number of people locating in Durant than ever before.

The city directory is one of the most complete we have seen, and contains some valuable information. It gives the residence and occupation of the citizens, names and addresses of all lodges, bands, orders and society clubs, city and county officials.

BOOZE IN WOODPILE.

Ruel Taylor had a hard time Tuesday locating a quantity of booze. He got on the inside of information which led him to believe a big quantity of alcohol was located in Kenefick. Turner Berry, who had been stopping at Mr. Good's was arrested and the search for the booze started. After looking in every conceivable place, and being laughed at by those present watching the search, Ruel began on the wood pile and after throwing off about a rick or two of wood, dug down a short distance and located four gallons of alcohol, which was placed in the strong box for evidence. While at the house the man made pun play but the gun was taken from him, and he is now in possession of the officers. The prisoner was locked up in the county jail.

TOTAL DEAD 181.

Hillcrest, Alberta, June 25.—Discovery by rescuers of fifty bodies lying in one tunnel of Mine No. 20 of the Hillcrest Collieries, Limited, today brought up to 181 the total of recovered dead at the mine, which was wrecked by an explosion Friday. Eighty grave diggers worked all day in the Little Mountaineers cemetery just outside of the village, and by night it is expected the greater part of the former male population of the mining colony will be resting there.

BOUGHT GROCERY STORE.

E. E. Isaacs, of Alabama, has purchased the grocery store of Hubbard & Calhoun, on Main street, and has assumed charge of the business. Mr. Isaacs comes to Durant highly recommended.

His family will arrive in Durant in the near future and will reside on First avenue.

FEDERAL REFUND OF TAXES.

Judge Hardy Advocates Legislation To Reimburse Eastern Oklahoma Counties Where Lots of Land Is Exempt From Taxation.

In advocating the refund to the State of Oklahoma, by the Federal Government, of a sufficient sum of money to reimburse the state treasury for the amount of taxes lost by the exemption of Indian lands from taxation, Judge Samuel W. Hayes, candidate for United States Senator is striking a responsive chord throughout the state.

This proposed legislation by Judge Hayes is one of the most important fights that can be made for Oklahoma in the United States Senate. To accomplish this one fight for Oklahoma would win for Sam Hayes sufficient praise from his constituents.

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ABANDONED BABY FOUND

Women Leave Two Weeks Old Child On Katy Train No. 10 and Make Quick Getaway In Covered Hack. Officers Caring for Child.

Officers in charge of the county jail have had their hands full since Wednesday night taking care of a little tiny two weeks old baby girl which was abandoned by its mother and found in the toilet of the north bound Katy Limited train Wednesday night, and although a thorough search has been made for the mother, no trace of her has been found. The little one was taken

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This Humping for Business SALE

Has been the greatest success we have ever had at this season of the year when so many are very busy and this is one reason why we were not able to wait on the immense crowds of last Saturday and Monday.

With apologies, we promise to do better next Saturday and Monday as our sale is growing in interest each day, for those who have been here, are telling others of the large and splendid stocks at such interesting prices.

MEN- You've heard of the "psychological moment" how it's the correct time to grasp an opportunity. Well right now is the time created in clothing buying by the

HUMPING PRICE REDUCTIONS ON ALL MEN'S SUITS AND TROUSERS

Palm Beach end Mohair Two-piece Suits \$6.85, \$7.50, \$8.50, \$10.00 and up to \$14.85

Cool Summer Suits well made of best light weight material—something that will help you through the heated season at prices that any one can afford.

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Another big saving chance is this Humping big offer on all men's trousers in Summer weights

\$1.85 { Rack contains trousers in variety of patterns values up to \$2.50 and \$3.00

\$3.39 { Rack has splendid patterns and fabrics including Blue Serge and values up to \$5.00

\$4.85 { Rack has the highest grade of tailoring and materials values up to \$5.00

Attractive assortment of Extra Palm Beach and White Flannel Trousers with belts to match

MEN'S FOOTWEAR BARGAINS HUMPING WITH VALUES

\$6.50 Edwin Clapp Patents and Tans at \$4.85

\$4.50 J. E. Tilts, and others all leathers \$3.95

\$3.50 and \$4.00 High grade Oxfords in large range of lasts and leathers, great values at \$2.95

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Space will not allow us to mention but a few of these humping values but it will pay you to come and see for yourself.



SALE SPECIALS

Note these few Extra Specials on Spring and Summer Merchandise

Ladies' and Children's Dresses and Ladies Muslin Underwear at 25 per cent off

Mens' Womens' and Children's Oxfords at 25 per cent off

Men's \$15.00, \$18.00 & \$20.00 Suits, Latest Spring Styles, choice at \$9.75

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